

A. T. SANDS.

FEBRUARY 2, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PUGH, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany House Res. No. 515.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 960) for the relief of A. L. Sands, have had the same under consideration and submit the following report:

That this is a claim for stores and supplies furnished the Army of the United States during the late war by A. T. Sands, of Christian County, Ky. Claim stated at \$6,530.

Claimant alleges that on or about September 10, 1863, at Nashville, Tenn., he entered into a contract with Colonel Minty, commanding the Fourth Regiment Michigan Cavalry Volunteers, to furnish for the use of the United States certain quartermasters' stores and subsistence supplies; that pursuant to said contract he did furnish said Colonel Minty with stores and supplies of the value aforesaid.

The claim was not presented to the quartermaster-general as required by the act of July 4, 1864. The claimant prepared his claim for submission to the quartermaster-general, and believed that his then attorney did present his said account, but is now advised that no such claim appears of record.

It seems to your committee that an investigation by the Court of Claims is necessary before intelligent action can be had upon the case, and report herewith a resolution referring the claim to the Court of Claims for a finding of facts under the terms of the act of March 3, 1887, and generally known as the Tucker Act, and recommend its passage.